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Our \$10.00 Prize Contest.

This coming week will see the beginning of the new year 1908. We wish our readers, one and all, a very Happy New Year!

We want to make this coming week a "Starter Week" in a vigorous campaign to DOUBLE OUR SUBSCRIPTION LIST in 1908. In order to start things we have opened a \$10 contest among the boys and girls in securing new subscribers to THE FREE PRESS. To make the work easier for the contestants to make a large showing we have also REDUCED THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE to 65c to new subscribers whose name is handed to one of the boys or girls before Tuesday evening, January 7th.

This contest is open to all boys and girls under 19 yrs. of age, irrespective of color, race or size. Residents in the country and boys and girls in the smaller towns of the county are invited especially to participate in the contest. The prizes are a first award of \$10 in gold to the one receiving the largest number of subscriptions and a second award of one year's subscription to "The American Boy" to the second in rank.

Read ad in this issue.

Coburn's Souvenir.

Every year Secretary F. D. Coburn of the State Board of Agriculture gets out a State Christmas card telling of the glories of Kansas. This year he takes the scene on Paradise flats north of here and has issued his Christmas card, showing a summary of the agricultural and livestock products of the state for 1907.

On one side of the card is a picture of a beautiful Kansas maiden, and a fac-simile of the following letter:

"Dear Marguerite:

"This year's fourth cutting of our alfalfa was so heavy and brought such a good price that pa says I must have a new auto, a Steinway Grand piano or take a trip around the world.

Which would you take?"

"Gladys.

"The Zephyrs,
"Paradise, Kansas, 11-30-07."

Kansas Congressmen.

Speaker of the House of Congress Mr. Cannon has announced his committees for this year. Following are committees assignment of Kansans, made recently.

Anthony—Military affairs, railways and canals, enrolled bills.
Calderhead—Ways and means, invalid pensions.

Campbell—Indian affairs, District of Columbia, pensions.

Madison—Insular affairs, labor.

Miller—Claims, chairman election No. 2, industrial arts and exhibitions.

Murdock—Postoffices and postroads.

Reeder—Irrigation, chairman, Mississippi river.

Scott—Agriculture, chairman.

All Kansas fared excellently but Scott, Calderhead, Campbell and Reeder particularly so. Chairmanships are the best Kansas has had for years.

Congressman Reeder of this District secured what he has been after for several years—the valuable chairmanship of the committee on Irrigation.

Masters Hugo Kohl and John Miller went to Victoria Thursday morning to spend the week end at the Behan ranch.

Normal Notes

The students all enjoyed skating and coasting on the creek after chapel last Friday morning. The pupils of the Model District School joined in the sports.

Nearly all of the faculty attended the State Teachers' Association at Topeka this week and some of them will spend the remainder of vacation at their homes.

The landlords of the Hotel-de-Hobo and the Hotel-de-Hog gave a reception for the football players in the annex of the Hotel-de-Hobo before the football season expired. A royal time was enjoyed by all.

Misses Anna and Gertrude Ryan and Miss Magrane visited Chapel Friday morning. Miss Miller of the Saline was also a welcome visitor.

We trust that our president is making us proud of him at the State Teachers Association this week. We are sure that the new gavel will lend a charm to the meeting.

Last Friday night several boys met at one of the bachelors' quarters before taking the evening train for home, a whistle sounded and the boys went "pell mell" for the station; on arriving there all breathless and frustrated, they discovered that it was a freight and not the passenger train. Composing themselves they began to put on their overcoats when one fastidious young man discovered that he had carried, hung over his arm in a very elegant manner, not his overcoat, but his room-mate's—"pants"

Electric Lights are Resumed.

Up until Wednesday evening the resident portion of the town has been without lights for eight days and the street lights have been turned out at 10 o'clock. But now the big boiler has been repaired and the lights are resumed all over the city. The boiler was first patched up by a couple of boiler makers from the railroad shops at Ellis but when they had finished the boiler still continued to leak as badly as ever. Haffmiller & Jordan at once discharged them and telegraphed to Kansas City for professional boiler makers. The men arrived and in a few days repaired the boiler in first class shape. After having to put up with poor electric lights and coal oil lamps for a week the patrons will better appreciate the advantages of the electric light.

He Wasn't a Rose

A Topeka teacher noticed that a pupil named Willie smelled badly. After standing the odor for a week or two, she sent a polite note to Willie's mother to that effect, intimating that Willie needed a bath. The mother sent back the following reply when he came to school the next day: "Willie ain't no rose. Don't smell him; learn him."—Plainville Gazette.

A Rabbit Hunt.

Harry Bellman and a half dozen of his friends surrounded Bellmans' timber claim last Monday and proceeded to clean out all the jack rabbits in the timber. When they met at the center over 150 rabbits had been killed and the guns of some of the hunters were so hot that they had to plunge them in the snow.

State Teachers' Association.

A large number of the teachers of Hays are attending the State Association at Topeka this week. We hope to have a report from its president W. S. Picken next week.

Miss Carrie Darks, principal of the Brownell schools, spent Saturday and Sunday with the home folks. Miss Darks is teaching a very successful term of school.—McCracken Enterprise.

Miss Darks is a graduate of the Hays Normal and the above item shows that she is meeting with merited success in her vocation.

A family reunion took place at the farm home of Fred Solomon, Sr. on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon have a large family and it is not often they get together. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. Frank King, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gerken of Ellis. Wm. and Elmer Solomon were not present.

The Christmas tree entertainment at the Buckeye-Hopewell school house on Tuesday evening was well attended and a good time was enjoyed by all present.

"If all the ships I have at sea
Should come a-sailing home to me,
Ah, well! the harbor could not hold
So many ships as there would be
If all my ships came in from sea.

"If half my ships came home from sea,
And brought their precious freight to me,
Ah, well! I should have wealth as great
As any king who sits in state—
So rich the treasures that would be
In half my ships now out at sea.

"If just one ship I have at sea
Should come a-sailing home to me,
Ah, well! the storm-clouds then might frown:
For if the others all went down
Still rich and proud and glad I'd be,
If that one ship came back to me.

"If that one ship went down at sea,
And all the others came to me,
Weighed down with gems and wealth untold,
With glory, honor, riches, gold,
The poorest soul on earth I'd be
If that one ship came not to me.

"O skies be calm! O winds blow free—
Blow all my ships safe home to me.
But if thou sendest some a-wrack
To never more come sailing back,
Send any—all, that skim the sea,
But bring my love-ship home to me.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Church Notes

Methodist Church.

M. J. MUMFORD, Pastor.
Quarterly meeting at the Methodist church this coming Sunday and Monday. The Presiding Elder Rev. U. S. Brown will be present.

Lutheran Church.

C. F. WIEST, Pastor.
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Public Worship. Subject: Education. The annual offering for the Board of Education will be taken on Sunday morning.

3:00 p. m. Catechetical Class.
6:30 p. m. C. E. Society Prayer Meeting. Topic: Foreign Missions. The coming triumph of the Cross, how may we hasten it?

7:30 p. m. Public Worship. Subject: Certainties and Uncertainties—Some New Year's Thoughts.

A Happy New Year to All.
We cordially invite you to these services.

Presbyterian Church.

W. B. BROWN, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "Our Bank Account."

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.; Preaching at 7:30 Subject: "Power." Miss Sophia Dickinson, Mr. McLeland, and Homer Myers took the places of the absent members of the choir last Sunday and they gave good satisfaction.

The Sunday School Xmas exercises were held Friday evening and were very interesting and well attended. After the exercises at the church they adjourned to the Brunswick Annex where the gifts were distributed and a jolly good time was had all around.

Baptist Church.

There will be an important business meeting at the Baptist church next Wednesday evening January 1st, to consider the calling of a pastor. Every member is urged to be present.

Herbert's Magazine.

The publisher of this paper has purchased 20 yearly subscriptions to Herbert's Magazine and will give them as a premium to paid-in-advance subscribers who would like to join the Ewing Herbert cult. The Magazine is different from all others. Call and get a sample copy.—THE FREE PRESS.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1908
Will be a big day in Hays. Be there on that date, and tell your neighbors that RAND IS COMING to buy their horses and mules and wants to meet you then. He will be in Victoria on Wednesday the 8th.

Society Notes

Mrs. J. H. Ward entertained at Christmas dinner Wednesday: Mr. and Mrs. Alex Philip, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Philip, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Wiest, Miss Foster and N. A. Voss.

Mrs. C. F. Wiest and the Misses Pestana, Ward and Alice Freese will entertain at the Brunswick Annex next Wednesday evening complimentary to the Misses Monroe of Topeka.

Misses Abbie and Olive Westbrook will entertain at tea this Friday evening.

Miss Retta Freese entertained at dinner Thursday evening: Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Scott, Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hubbard, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fields, City.

Miss Bessie Leahy will entertain at cards Tuesday evening in honor of the Misses Lenore and Daisy Monroe of Topeka.

Mrs. George Philip is entertaining at cards this Friday evening the following brides and grooms:

Mr. and Mrs. Miller,
" " " McLain,
" " " Kent,
" " " Collier,
" " " Pelham,
" " " Wilson,
" " " Kneskern,
" " " Hubbard,
" " " Wiest,
" " " H. Schwallier,
" " " Wm. Philip,
" " " L. F. Scott.

The Misses Lenore and Daisy Monroe of Topeka are expected guests of Miss Alice Freese this Sunday evening.

Mrs. Alex Philip will entertain the young matrons of Hays on Monday evening.

A number of Hays young people attended a dance at Ellis Christmas eve. Among them were Ellen Behan, Maggie

Cave, Winnie Cox, Florence Almond, Lincoln Ward and Roscoe Baumer.

The Saturday Afternoon Club of Hays will meet with Miss Annette Foster Saturday Jan. 4th. Program will be rendered as follows:—

Leader, Mrs. Emma D. Snyder
Collect
Roll Call
Reading of Minutes
King Lear, Act V
Miscellaneous Business

Edith Brown, society editor of the Salina Journal and daughter of May Belleville Brown, state president of Women's Clubs, is responsible for this item:

In one family where there are two daughters, the father will get a new divan in his stocking Christmas morning, and the mother will get a new chafing dish table.

Now you don't suppose this is any reflection on the size of the parents' hospitality, do you?

George Zeigler and John McMahon of the Zeigler's store force have both been a little under the weather this week.

Clyde Bice was selling apples in Victoria Tuesday for Mr. Squires who was in town with a carload of Michigan apples.

The Lutheran Sunday School gave an unusually good Christmas entertainment last Friday evening. The church was crowded and the cantatas by the little folks were greatly enjoyed.

Frank Loreditsch arrived home Monday evening from Webb City. His older brother George also came up on Wednesday evening. Both are employed in the mines at Webb City, Mo.

Until January 7th you can secure a new subscription to this paper for 65c—the regular price is \$1.00. If you already are a subscriber your friend or relative would be pleased to receive a year's subscription as a New Year's remembrance.

The McCracken Enterprise and the Englewood Tribune are the only two exchanges we noticed this week coming out in holiday attire. The Enterprise (and the name is strikingly suitable) came out printed in red ink with a beautiful Christmas cover and much home advertising.

Bargains!
One fine new piano.....\$200.00
Cotton top Mattresses.....2.00
" " and bottom Mattresses.....2.50
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